1946. **File No.** 1210

Reconstruction **DEPARTMENT**

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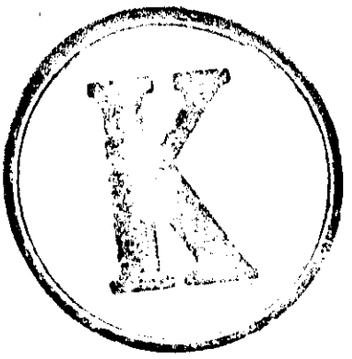
Subject:— Gun Clubs

Formation of —— in certain districts for prevention of damage to crops.



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Copy of a summarised English translation of an address presented to the Honourable the Prime Minister by the Hirekerur Taluka Development Association, District Dharwar, at Hosahalli on the 29th September 1946.

"We are pleased and honoured by your visit today to the association of the poor ryots of Hirekerur. Our taluka is on the border of malnad. The large number of tanks in our taluka are all filled with silt, with the result that we are compelled to go without a drop of water. But despite this fact, we are not relieved of the tax in respect of this. We, therefore, appeal to your honour to deepen the tanks and provide water to the poor ryots. There are extensive Irrigation lands in our taluka, which at present suffer from shortage of water. We, therefore, request you to construct a dam to the Tungabhadra river near Bairanapad and irrigate the lands in our taluka as well as the neighbouring taluka of Ranebennur. There are extensive mountain ranges in the neighbourhood of our taluka and these are infested with wild animals which always terrorise the ryot and his cattle. The ryot is not provided with any weapon to destroy the wild animals. Government had established three gun clubs in this taluka, but they have become clubs in name only as Government seized the arms in the 1942 August movement. Though orders have been issued by our popular Government to restore the arms, the same have not been restored as yet. We trust that Your honour will fulfill our demand in this regard. In our taluka there are large tracts of lands over-grown with weeds and the poor ryot finds it impossible to bring the lands under cultivation. We, therefore, request you to supply tractors to our taluka. The Forest Department is in the habit of setting fire to the extensive grass meadows in our taluka, with the result that cattle are threatened with stravation and the work of cultivation is impeded. We make an appeal to you to make this grass available to all the ryots free of charge. We have a strong feeling that you would bring about in your regime the unification of Karnatak which alone can guarantee the advancement and progress of our province. We once again welcome you and your associates and pray God to bless you all with long life and happiness".

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P.D. S.20/3523

No. 0/31372-B.
Political and Services Department
Bombay Castle, 27th November 1946.

Forwarded for necessary action to:-

The Revenue Department,
The Public Works Department,
The Reconstruction Department,
The Home Department,

So far they are respectively concerned.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Sd/-
For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

Home Department.

In the address presented to H.P.M. by the Hirekerur Taluka Development Assocn., District Dharwar, on 29-9-46, it is stated that the mountain ranges in the neighbourhood of the Hirekerur taluka are infested with wild animals which terriorise the ryots and their cattle...

cattle and that the ryots are not provided with any weapons to destroy the wild animals. It is further stated that the guns of the three gun clubs in the taluka, established by Govt., which were seized by Govt. in 1942 August movement, have not yet been restored to them though Govt. has issued orders for the restoration of arms.

2. As regards the policy reg. the grant of licences for purposes of crop and cattle protection, please see paragraph 2 of the office note, dated 28-11-46, on the petition from certain villagers in Dharwar distt. The number of firearms licensed for crop and cattle protection in 1945 was 841 which showed an increase of 62 over 1944. In addition, there were 1,331 licensed guns for the purposes of sport in the distt. The licensing authorities have been told in 1938 to follow the policy of Govt. which is that licences for crop protection should be freely issued and should not be withheld without good cause. The number of licences given in the Dharwar distt. in 1944 as compared with the number of licences given in 1945 shows that the D.M. is following the liberal policy of Govt.

3. As regards the orders for the restoration of arms to which the Assocn. refers, it is presumed that they are those contained in G.C.No.94/5, dated 15-4-46 as amplified on 10-5-46 and 25-11-46. Though the orders in our Circular of 15-4-46 refer only to persons, it is obviously the intention underlying those orders that all arms licences cancelled in connection with the 1942 movements should be restored. (vide H.M.'s note, dated 6-4-46 at p.14 of file 94/5).

In the case of three clubs in the Hirekerur taluka, it is likely that if their guns, as stated in the address, were ~~xxxxxx~~ confiscated in connection with the 1942 movement, have, by this time, been disposed of in accordance with the rules under sec.16 of the Arms Act. Before, therefore, the D.M. is asked to grant fresh licences to the gun club and to return their arms, confiscated in 1942, if they are still with the police, a full report from him in the matter may,

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in the first instance,be called for.

Id.
9/12/46.

Send relevant extract to the D.M.and ask him to furnish Govt. with his remarks. R.D. should see before issue, as G.M.is,I think concerned with the formation, i.e. of gun clubs.

id/-
9/12/46.

u.o.r. to R.D.dated 10-12-46.

Below extract of a summarised English translation of an address presented to the Hon'ble the Prime Minister by the Hirekerur Taluka Development Assn.,Dist.Dharwar, at Hosakalli on the 29-9-46.

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S.20/35213-F.
H.D.
B.C., Decr.1946.

Forwarded w.cs. to the D.M.,Dharwar for remarks.

Under Secy.to the G.of B.,
H.D.

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R.D.

Formation of gun clubs is a subject assigned to the R.C.D. This may be passed on u.o.to that Deptt.

id/-
16/12/46

id/-
16/12/46

u.o.r.to R.C.D.,dated 17-12-46.

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R.C.D.

Seen and returned to the H.D.

id/-
24/12/46. Pl.keep copies in R.C.D.

U.S. id/-D.A.G.
24-12-46

u.o.r.to H.D. dated 27th Decr.1946.

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No.4139/5-F.
Home Department.
Bombay Castle, 20th January 1948.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

To

G. P. Gokhale, Esquire, B.Sc.,(Ag.)(Hons.),
Arogya Niwas, Bijapur.

Subject:- Rifle clubs.
Suggestion for the opening of----etc.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 146/3, dated the 11th October 1947, addressed to the Minister for Home and Revenue, on the subject noted above, I am directed to state as follows :-

(1) The question of granting licences to clubs, institutions, etc. in form XV in Schedule VIII appended to the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, for the possession and use of firearms for purposes of target practice is under the consideration of Government and a decision in the matter will soon be taken. Till then, Government has no objection to persons holding licences for the possession of firearms forming clubs for their own benefit and practice in the use and handling of their own firearms.

(2) The question of introducing compulsory military training in educational institutions and of further expansion of the University Officers' Training Camp and the Indian Territorial Forces so as to admit all who desire to enter these organisations is also being considered in consultation with the Government of India.

2. I am to add that your suggestion for utilising the energy of the students during vacations towards productive work relating to agriculture, construction of roads, etc. is too general.

Your obedient servant,

A.S.Bam,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of
Bombay, Home Department.

...CULTURE & RURAL
...VELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
...No. 1210
...No. 2241
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Home Department.
Bombay Castle, 20th January 1948.

Copies forwarded with compliments for information to:-
The Education and Industries Department,
The Agricultural and Rural Development Department,
The Public Works Department.

O. Fernandes.

for Deputy Secretary to the Government of
Bombay, Home Department.

A.D.D.

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